

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 38, 39, and 41-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by CRUICKSHANK (U.S. Patent No. 6,704,294); rejects claims 66, 67, and 69-71 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over CRUICKSHANK in view of ARNOTT (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0083462); rejects claim 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over CRUICKSHANK in view of THOMPSON et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0056466); rejects claim 68 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over CRUICKSHANK in view of ARNOTT and DIAMENT et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0071539); and allows claims 48-50, 56, 57, 59-62, 64, and 65.

By way of the proposed amendment, Applicants propose canceling claims 38-47 and 66-71 in order to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Claims 48-50, 56, 57, 59-62, 64, and 65 would remain pending upon entry of the present amendment.

Because only allowed claims remain, Applicants request issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment because the present amendment places the application in condition for immediate allowance.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues

arise which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite prosecution of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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